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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TRAINING FOR INDIANS

1. AFTER INTERAGENCY REVIEW AMONG DEPARTMENT, ACDA,
AND AEC, FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
TRAINING/EMPLOYMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS AT U.S. ATOMIC
ENERGY FACILITIES. BEGIN TEXT.

A. WE WILL KEEP UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW THE IMPLICATIONS
OF OUR CONTACTS AND COLLABORATION WITH INDIA IN THE
NUCLEAR FIELD FOR THAT COUNTRY'S CAPABILITIES TO REFINE
AND FURTHER DEVELOP ITS NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES TECHNOLOGY.

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B. AS A GENERAL RULE, WE WILL NOT APPROVE OF TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS IN SENSITIVE FIELDS AT U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY FACILITIES. (AN AMENDMENT TO AEC REGULATIONS (10 CFR, PART 110) DATED JULY 26, 1972, RESTRICTS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS IN CERTAIN SENSITIVE AREAS, E.G. CHEMICAL PROCESSING, IN THE ABSENCE OF ACCEPTABLE SAFEGUARDS. UNDER APPROVED GUIDELINES,) WE DEFINE SENSITIVE FIELDS AS THOSE HAVING THE POTENTIAL OF APPLICATION TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES TECHNOLOGY OR TO ACTIVITIES WHICH SUPPORT A PNE PROGRAM, AND INCLUDING, AMONG OTHERS, SUCH AREAS AS PLUTONIUM FABRICATION AND CHEMICAL PROCESSING. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS

POLICY UNLESS IT IS DETERMINED TO BE IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES.

C. WE ARE, HOWEVER, AGREEABLE TO TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS IN CLEARLY HUMANITARIAN, NON-SENSITIVE NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELDS SUCH AS MEDICINE AND AGRICULTURE.

D. CLEARANCE PROCEDURES: NEW APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS IN SENSITIVE AREAS AT US ATOMIC ENERGY FACILITIES WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE AEC IN CONSULTATION WITH ACDA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IN THE CASE OF IAEA FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS, THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL WILL PROCESS THE APPLICATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AEC, ACDA, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. END TEXT.

2. FOR NEW DELHI: ABOVE STRICTLY FYI AND NOT FOR USE WITH INDIANS. IF ASKED ABOUT US POLICY, YOU MAY STATE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR SOME AREAS, SUCH AS THOSE THAT MIGHT HAVE POTENTIAL FOR CONTRIBUTING TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE PROGRAM, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

3. FOR VIENNA: YOU MAY INFORM AGENCY OF ABOVE GUIDELINES AS THEY PERTAIN TO IAEA TYPE I AND II FELLOWS AND VISITORS. AGENCY SHOULD CONTINUE TO REFER ALL APPLICATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS TO NAS/NRC.
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4. FOR BONN, LONDON AND OTTAWA: WE HAVE GIVEN OR WILL GIVE SHORTLY GERMAN, BRITISH AND CANADIAN EMBASSIES GIST OF PARA 1, AND YOU MAY DO SO WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

5. FOR ALL: ABOVE GUIDELINES WILL BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW AND MAY BE CHANGED IN CONTEXT OF OUR CONTINUING

REVIEW OF IMPLICATIONS OF INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST. INGERSOLL

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